

Senator Davidson entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which his amendment striking out Section 7 was adopted.

Senator Stafford called up the motion and the motion to reconsider prevailed.

Senator Davidson then withdrew the amendment.

By Senator Linn:

"Amend Section 7 by striking out the word 'association' wherever it occurs and insert in lieu thereof the word 'commission.'"

Adopted.

Senator Yantis moved that the Senate adjourn until 3 o'clock this evening.

Senator Ross moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Question being on the longest time first, the motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow was lost.

The motion to adjourn until 3 o'clock this evening was lost.

Question recurring on Senate bill No. 224, the same was passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yett.
Linn.	

Nays—4.

Gough.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Yantis.

Absent.

Dibrell.	Odell.
Johnson.	Patterson.
Lewis.	Sebastian.
Lloyd.	Stone.
McGee.	Turney.

Senator Miller moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock this evening.

Senator Wayland moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Question being on the longest time first, the motion of Senator Wayland prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Linn.	

Nays—7.

Davidson.	Greer.
Goss.	Miller.

Potter.
Yantis.

Yett.

Absent.

Dibrell.
Gough.
Johnson.
Lewis.
Lloyd.
McGee.

Odell.
Patterson.
Sebastian.
Stone.
Turney.

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Tuesday, April 11, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Lewis.	Lloyd.
Linn.	Turney.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Patterson, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Stafford, Senator Dibrell was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate yesterday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Neal, Senator Terrell was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Morriss, Senator Potter was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Burns, Senator McGee was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate yesterday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Greer, Senator Turney was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate yesterday and today, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, Senator Davidson was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate last Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Gough, Senator Goss was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Stafford, Senator Hanger was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Patterson, Senator Johnson was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate yesterday, on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Yett:

Petition from citizens of Burnet county, praying for the passage of Substitute Senate bill No. 312, authorizing the purchase of the Austin & Northwestern Railroad by the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company.

Read, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Ross:

Petition from fire insurance agents of Paris, praying for the passage of the House bill relating to unauthorized insurance companies.

Read, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 187, being a bill to be entitled "An Act declaring and making all mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts and other obligations in writing whereby land or real property situated in the State of Texas is made security for payment of debts, together with such debts, to be land or real property for the purpose of assessment and taxation; to provide for the assessment thereof for taxation, and to provide for the sale thereof for such taxes."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, by Senator Wayland, setting forth the fact that the State of Texas has a valid claim against the United States government for the reimbursement of money expended by the State in protecting the frontier from Indian incursions prior to the war, and requesting the Governor to inquire into the facts and take such action as will place the money in the State treasury,

Beg leave to make the following report:

In their examination into the facts recited in the preamble to the resolution, your committee had before them a volume of evidence embracing official copies, prepared in the office of the Secretary of War, of the various letters, documents and other letters filed in the department in connection with the Texas claim, giving a comprehensive history of the same from the beginning, also a statement in detail made by the Secretary of War in 1872, giving his conclusions as to the claim of Texas after his examinations of the vouchers filed by the State, all of which papers were embraced in his report to Congress. From this official data your committee find that the claim of the State of Texas was recognized as just by Congress and appropriations made in 1859 and 1860 to pay the same, the first adjustment of which was interrupted by the breaking out of the civil war. Before the close of the war these appropriations had, under a general statute lapsed, and the amount was carried by the government to the surplus fund, and by a provision of the law was not available until re-appropriated by Congress. It further appears from the report of the Secretary of War, giving his result of the examination of the claim of Texas, that a considerable sum is due the State, and your committee, believing that the amount should be promptly paid by the Federal government, recommend that the resolution *do pass*.

ROSS, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Patterson (by request):

Senate bill No. 315, A bill to be entitled "An Act to encourage the freedom of trade, and to forbid the issuance by any person, firm, association of persons, corporations or the agents of either of any ticket, check or writing obligatory, re-

deemable or payable only in goods or merchandise by the said firm, association of persons or corporation, issuing the same, and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senators Turney and Goss:

Senate bill No. 316, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4218y, of Chapter 129, Acts of 1897, and providing for the sale of State school lands in counties organized prior to January 1, 1877, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

By Senator Patterson (by request):

Senate bill No. 317, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4323, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the salary of the State Health Officer."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Patterson:

Senate bill No. 318, A bill to be entitled "An Act to empower companies and corporations chartered or that may hereafter be chartered by the laws of this State for the purpose of owning, constructing or operating sewer systems to condemn private property for the purpose of laying pipes, mains, laterals, connections, vats, filtering pipes and for use of private property as a place of ultimate disposition of sewage."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 11, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

House bill No. 341, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent officials, employes or agents of the State of Texas from receiving fees, perquisites, gifts or emoluments not stipulated by law, and providing a penalty for same," with amendments.

Also House bill No. 452, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate and set apart to the public free school fund of the State of Texas all the unappropriated public domain of the State of Texas, including the lands reserved and

appropriated by the Act of July 14, 1879, and to provide for the sale, survey, lease and classification thereof, and the patenting of homestead pre-emption surveys made prior to May 23, 1898, and to repeal Articles 4200, 4201, 4202, 4203, 4204, 4205, 4206 and 4207, Chapter 11, Title LXXXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to declare an emergency," with amendment.

Also House bill No. 775, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and fix the times of holding courts in the Thirty-ninth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN THE SENATE.

The above House bills were read first time, and referred as follows:

House bill No. 341 to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 452 to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

House bill No. 775 to Committee on Judicial Districts.

On motion of Senator James, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 307, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Titus county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator James, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yett.
Miller.	

Present—Not voting.

Johnson.	Patterson.
McGee.	

Absent.
 Lewis. Lloyd.
 Linn. Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Lewis. Lloyd.
 Linn. Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

On motion of Senator Yett, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading.

House bill No. 402, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin a block of land within said city for public free school purposes."

The bill was read a second time, and pending consideration,

Senator Atlee moved to postpone further action, and that the bill be made special order for tomorrow morning after the morning call.

The motion prevailed, and it was so ordered.

On motion of Senator Davidson, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the several counties in this State to invest the permanent school fund belonging to such counties in their own bonds, and to use the proceeds thereof for general county purposes, and to make the county liable for such investment."

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Burns.	Hanger.
Davidson.	James.
Dibrell.	Johnson.
Goss.	Kerr.
Gough.	McGee.
Greer.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Ross.

Sebastian.	Wayland.
Stafford.	Yett.
Stone.	

Nays—4.

Atlee.	Potter.
Miller.	Terrell.

Absent.

Lewis.	Neal.
Linn.	Yantis.
Lloyd.	

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

On motion of Senator Burns, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 286, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix and define the limitation of time wherein suits for taxes may be brought, and to declare that taxes for the recovery of which suit is not brought within such time shall be conclusively presumed to have been paid, and to forbid any action therefor, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read a second time.

The committee amendments were adopted as follows:

(1) "Amend the bill by striking out the word 'two' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'four.'"

(2) "Amend the bill by striking out the words 'without penalty or interest.'"

By Senator Burns:

"Section 3. The near approach of the close of the session, and the large amount of business to be disposed of, creates an imperative public necessity authorizing the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and creates an emergency that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

By Senator Atlee:

"Add to Section 1 the following, 'provided, the provisions of this act shall not affect the liability of any one for taxes due prior to the year 1899.'"

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Atlee.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Gough.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Wayland.
James.	Yett.

Nays—10.

Burns.	Greer.
Davidson.	Kerr.

Miller. Potter.
Odell. Ross.
Patterson. Terrell.

Absent.

Lewis. Lloyd.
Linn. Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Burns, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Johnson. Lloyd.
Lewis. Neal.
Linn. Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Johnson. Lloyd.
Lewis. Neal.
Linn. Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

Senator Miller called up his motion, entered on April 6, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed to a third reading,

Substitute House bill Nos. 275 and 313,

A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3892, 3893 and 3894, Chapter 6, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the duties and extending the powers of the Board of Education, in the investment of the permanent free school fund, and adding thereto Article 3891a and Article 3894a, giving the State Board of Education an option of ten days on county bonds and on the bonds of incorporated cities, and providing that when a premium is paid for bonds the Board of Education shall refund the same."

Reconsidered.

(Senator Atlee in the chair.)

By Senator Miller:

"Amend Substitute House bill Nos. 275 and 313 by striking out all after the word 'State' in line 32, page 1, down to the end of the section, and by striking out 'incorporated city' wherever it occurs in the bill."

By Senator Dibrell:

Substitute the amendment as follows:

"Amend the bill by adding after the word 'city' wherever it occurs in the bill the following: 'Of over ten thousand inhabitants.'"

Pending consideration, further action on the bill and amendments was postponed until next Friday morning, April 14, after morning call.

On motion of Senator Wayland the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 (see Journal of April 6, pages 666, 667 and 668, also committee report made this morning).

The resolution was read a second time, and the committee report adopted.

By Senators Hanger and Odell:

"Amend by adding to the resolution the following: 'No commission nor sum of money shall be ever allowed as attorneys' fees for collecting said above mentioned claim, but all efforts to collect the same shall be made through the duly constituted authorities and the Texas delegation in Congress.'"

Adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of Senator Gough the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

House bill No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in the following counties, or in any subdivision of said counties, viz.: Cooke, Bell, Ellis, Montague, Wharton, Fayette, Johnson, Collin, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Bexar, Denton, Falls, Navarro, Fannin;

Hunt, Tarrant, Grayson, Dallas, Austin and Brazos."

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend line 22, on page 1, by adding after the word 'of' and before the word 'Cooke' the following: 'Any of the following named counties.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Hanger:

"Amend by striking out the word 'Tarrant' wherever it occurs in the caption and the bill."

Adopted.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend the bill in line 19, by inserting after the word 'Grayson' the word 'Guadalupe.'"

Adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Gough, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Present—Not voting.

Grinnan.

Absent.

Johnson.	Lloyd.
Lewis.	Neal.
Linn.	

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent.

Grinnan.	Linn.
Johnson.	Lloyd.
Lewis.	Neal.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

On motion of Senator Dibrell the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate \$100,000 to pay the officers and men of the Texas Volunteer Guard prior to the inmustering into the service of the United States in the late war with Spain; to pay those who were rejected; to pay for the necessary supplies, subsistence, transportation prior to their being mustered into service; to authorize the Governor to collect from the United States all monies expended under this act."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Odell.
Burns.	Patterson.
Davidson.	Potter.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Goss.	Linn.
Greer.	Lloyd.
Johnson.	Neal.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Odell.
Burns.	Patterson.
Davidson.	Potter.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
McGee.	Wayland.
Miller.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Present—Not voting.

Grinnan.

Absent.

Goss. Linn.
Greer. Lloyd.
Johnson. Neal.
Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

Senator Dibrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Patterson the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 219, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1113, Title XV, Chapter 3, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the pay of jurors in criminal cases, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

The bill was read a second time.

(Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Senator Sebastian moved that pending business be suspended and that the Senate take up, on second reading,

House bill No. 743, A bill to be entitled "An Act to name the several counties composing the Fifty-first and Thirty-third Judicial Districts, and to fix the times for holding the district courts therein, and to attach the unorganized county of Schleicher to the county of Menard until its organization, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Lost.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate

Senate bill No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the officer, agent or representative of any railroad corporation from giving free transportation over the lines of such railroad to any person other than the agents, representatives, employes or attorneys of such railroads, and to fix a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act," action being on the amendment of Senator Miller, to-wit:

"Amend by adding to line 22 the following: 'Provided, that this bill shall not apply to free passes given newspaper editors, reporters or correspondents.'"

Senator Davidson moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Wayland.

Nays—14.

Burns.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Linn.
Johnson.	Lloyd.
Lewis.	Neal.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The amendment (Miller's) was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Burns.	Miller.
Grinnan.	Odell.
McGee.	Patterson.

Nays—18.

Atlee.	Potter.
Davidson.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Linn.
Johnson.	Lloyd.
Lewis.	Neal.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

By Senator Miller:

"Amend Senate bill No. 118, by adding, "Sec. 2. That as soon as the provisions of Section 1 of this bill shall become a law, all railroad fares in this State shall be reduced to two cents per mile.'"

Senator Potter made the point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill.

Sustained.

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend by adding the following after Section 1: 'Provided, free passes may be issued to any person in the employ of such company, or to any person who would like to be in the employ of such company.'"

By Senator Greer:
Substitute for Senator Patterson's amendment:

"Provided, that this act shall not be construed to prohibit the issuance of passes or free transportation to persons in the employ of the railroad company issuing same."

Senator Miller made the point of order that similar amendments had previously been ruled out of order.

Sustained.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair signed, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

House bill No. 308, "An Act to amend Article 1731, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

House bill No. 530, "An Act to amend Chapter 12, Title XVII, Revised Criminal Code of Procedure, so as to place Bowie county under the provisions of this chapter, relating to the recovery of stolen animals and the detection and punishment of thieves, and creating an emergency."

House bill No. 350, "An Act to require railway companies to receive and transport all freights coming to them from steamships, steamboats and other water craft and vessels, without discrimination for or against any other steamship line, steamboat line, owner or company, or the owner or owners of any other water craft or vessel."

House bill No. 710, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Bell county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners, and providing for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for commutation of time for good behavior and good service, and providing for a reward to be offered for the recapture of an escaped county convict, and taxing said reward and all actual costs of capture and delivery of said convict against said convict, and providing for a penalty for the escape of a county convict, and providing for the trimming of hedges by the owners of said land, and providing a penalty for failure to trim said hedges, and providing the amount of compensation in road time to be allowed by overseers to road hands for teams, plows, scrapers and wagons, and providing for the condemnation of land for public road purposes, and providing for the working of delinquent poll tax payers on the public roads and relieving them from the performance of

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said work by the payment of the sum of three dollars, and providing further, making this law cumulative of the general laws, and in case of a conflict this act to govern as to Bell county, Texas."

Resuming consideration of Senate bill No. 118, Senator Stafford offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after Section 1 the following: 'Provided, the provisions of this bill shall not apply to the halt, maimed, blind, insane, or public paupers.'"

Pending action, Senator Wayland moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Adjourned by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Odell.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
Linn.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yett.

Nays—9.

Burns.	Potter.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Absent.

Johnson.	Lloyd.
Lewis.	Neal.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Wednesday, April 12, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn.	